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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Further to the concurrent filing of a U.S. national stage application of PCT Application No. PCT/IL99/00561, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly add the following section on page 1, immediately after the title:

--RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a U.S. national filing of PCT Application No. PCT/IL99/00561, filed October 24, 1999.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly replace the present claims 7-12, 14-22, 26-30 and add new claims 31-58 in accordance with the following claims in clean form:

7. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said acoustic characteristic comprises acoustic velocity.

8. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said acoustic characteristic comprises acoustic attenuation.

9. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said acoustic characteristic comprises polarization properties.